



## **Whitestown Town Council Agrees to Help Fund School Resource Officers Officers Will be Added to Every School in Boone County in 2018/2019**

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**Whitestown, Ind.** – In a unanimous vote, the Whitestown Town Council has agreed to provide funding to help the Boone County Sheriff's Office achieve its goal of placing a School Resource Officer in every school in Boone County. Whitestown Town Council members made it official at the June 13<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting, pledging a total of up to \$75,000 to help hire and outfit three School Resource Officers for the 2018/2019 school year and an additional \$75,000 for the 2019/2020 school year. The Town of Zionsville followed suit at its June 18<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting, approving an appropriation to pledge additional monies as well.

Putting a School Resource Officer in every school building in the county has been part of the Boone County Sheriff's plan for some time. These funding pledges from Whitestown and Zionsville will make it a reality much sooner. All three entities saw a growing urgency after the recent school shooting in Noblesville, Indiana.

"This is very important. These are *our* kids. And we've seen what can happen way too close to home." says Whitestown Town Councilor, Susan Austin.

Whitestown's pledge will cover 50% of the county's cost to place Sheriff's Deputies in Perry-Worth Elementary, Boone Meadow Elementary, and Zionsville West Middle School.

"On behalf of the Sheriff's Office, we sincerely appreciate the willingness to help finance these very important efforts of protecting our children." says Boone County Sheriff, Mike Nielsen.

The new School Resource Officers will be on-campus beginning this August.

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